

IN THE CLAIMS:

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(Currently Amended) A method for ~~processing an electronic receipt~~ maintaining inventory records of products being sold, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:
- providing inventory records corresponding to a plurality of products for sale;
 - processing a purchase transaction for a first product of said plurality of products;
 - generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction;
 - storing the said electronic receipt on a removable storage medium;
 - at a different time or place, reading the said electronic receipt on the from said removable storage medium;
 - validating the said electronic receipt; and
- 1423 in response to validating the said electronic receipt,
- providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of ~~goods or services related to the purchase transaction~~ said first product and
 - updating an inventory record corresponding to said first product affected by said to reflect the delivery of said first product. ~~goods or services.~~
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein ~~the said step of validating the said electronic receipt~~ further comprises inspecting a digital signature to verify the integrity of the said electronic receipt. *423*

27. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for ~~processing an electronic receipt~~ maintaining inventory records for a plurality of items for sale, the computer program product comprising:

- first instructions for processing a purchase transaction;
- second instructions for generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction;
- third instructions for storing the said electronic receipt on a removable storage medium;
- fourth instructions for reading the said electronic receipt on the removable storage medium;
- fifth instructions for validating the said electronic receipt; and
- sixth instructions for providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of ~~goods or services related to the purchase transaction~~ said first item in response to validating the said electronic receipt,
- seventh instructions for updating an inventory record corresponding to said first item in response to validating the electronic receipt.

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28. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the said instructions for validating the electronic receipt further comprise instructions for inspecting a digital signature to verify the integrity of the said electronic receipt.